



City of Cincinnati

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MAYOR LUKEN ANNOUNCES CITIZEN COMPLAINT AUTHORITY APPLICATION PROCESS

Cincinnati, Ohio—Today, Mayor Charlie Luken announced the application process for the Citizens Complaint Authority. The application process is the first step in the implementation of the Collaborative Agreement, signed on April 12, 2002 in the presence of Attorney General John Ashcroft.

The application process is open to all residents of the City of Cincinnati. Interested parties should submit a one-page résumé, one page letter of intent, and two letters of reference. Letters should be mailed only to:

CITIZENS COMPLAINT AUTHORITY
801 PLUM ST., ROOM 150
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

All Community Councils will receive a letter from the Mayor asking for a nomination from each Council. The City will also post application details on their website, and purchase ads in each of the major newspapers.

The application deadline is May 31, 2002, at 5 p.m. During the month of June, the Mayor will review the résumés and schedule interviews. The Administration will conduct background checks on the finalists. On or around July 10th, the Mayor will submit his recommendations to City Council for approval.

The Citizens Complaint Authority will then undergo a significant training process that includes police and investigative procedures. It is expected that they will be formally seated on August 9th.

An Executive Director will be hired by the City Manager, following the input of the CCA. Additionally, staff will be placed to conduct the day-to-day operations of the CCA.

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Members of the current Citizens Police Review Panel were thanked today for their hard work and dedication to the process. All are encouraged to reapply to the new CCA.

Also present were parties to the Collaborative Process.

“This is the first tangible outcome of the Collaborative Process. It is also the first opportunity for the general public to be part of this unprecedented process. My hope is that citizens from each one of our 52 neighborhoods submit applications to the CCA,” said Mayor Luken today.

“The Citizens Complaint Authority is a key component of better oversight and cooperation concerning the Police Department. I expect it to be an active organization that betters our entire Cincinnati community,” said Valerie Lemmie, Cincinnati City Manager.

For recorded information regarding the Citizens Complaint Authority, interested individuals can call 513-352-6227.

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